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SUBJECT:LEBANESE SHIPPING TO CUBA

REF: A) STATE 274256, 13 DEC 1974; B) BEIRUT 15059,
17 DEC 1974; C) STATE 4753; D) STATE 92688;
E) BEIRUT 9681

1. AS A RESULT OF RECENT OAS DECISION ON CUBA, USG
IS REVIEWING ALL ITS POLICIES ON CUBA THAT AFFECT
THIRD COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THOSE REGARDING THIRD
COUNTRY MARITIME RELATIONS WITH CUBA. THERE HAS
BEEN NO CHANGE IN THESE LONG STANDING POLICIES.

2. EMBASSY REPORTED IN REF B THAT FOR LEBANON,
MOST IMPORTANT PART OF U.S. POLICY REGARDING
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SHIPPING TO CUBA IS THE ELIMINATION OF PL 480 TITLE I

SALES AND ASSISTANCE UNDER FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT FOR ANY COUNTRY WHOSE SHIPS CARRY TRADE TO OR FROM CUBA (SECTION 103(D)(3) OF THE AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1954 AND SECTION 620(A)(3) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961 (SEE REF A). AS EMBASSY AWARE, FORMER IS WAIVABLE (FOR TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND RAW MATERIALS ONLY) ON NATIONAL INTEREST GROUNDS;

620(A)(3) WAIVABLE ON SAME GROUNDS UNDER SECTION 664 (SEE REF C) AND HAS IN FACT BEEN WAIVED FOR PANAMA AND ARGENTINA. OTHER REQUESTS WILL BE TREATED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, ALTHOUGH CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO MORE GENERAL USE OF THE WAIVER AUTHORITY.

3. PENDING DECISIONS HERE, EMBASSY SHOULD INDICATE TO GOL THAT AT PRESENT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN U.S. GOVERNMENT MARITIME POLICY REGARDING CUBA BUT THAT, IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT OAS DECISION, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING ITS POLICY REGARDING THIRD COUNTRY RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

4. RE PARA 3 OF REF E, NO DIFFERENCE EXISTS BETWEEN U.S. GOVERNMENT POLICY REGARDING POSSIBLE LEBANESE SHIPPING TO CUBA AND SHIPPING OF ANY OTHER NATION WHICH MIGHT WISH TO PROVIDE SHIPPING SERVICES TO CUBA. INGERSOLL

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